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support part and having a contact face which is essentially at a right angle to said support part and under which the thickness [layer] is elastic enough to act as a compression spring.

--3. (twice amended) A device according to claim 2, wherein at least one buffer comprises a ring which is elastic on all sides, very thick [with a larger thickness] under the contact face [, ring] and which is covering the movable and removable arm to which it is secured.

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--5. (twice amended) A device according to claim 4, wherein said at least two movable and removable arms comprises in addition to said at least four movable and removable arms at least one pair of successive arms along said support part, each of these arms having a said at least one buffer secured thereto at a distance from said support part, the buffer of one [every] arm for [of] said at least one pair having its contact face facing the contact face of the buffer of the other arm [of same pair].

--6. (twice amended) A device according to claim 2, wherein said at least two movable and removable arms comprises at least three pairs of movable and removable successive arms along said support part, each of said arms having a said at least one buffer secured thereto at a distance from said support part, the buffer of [every] one arm for [of] each of said at least three pairs having its contact face facing the contact face of the buffer of the other arm [of same pair].

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--8. (twice amended) A device according to claim 2, wherein the support part has secured thereto a coupler which supports another support part in at least one direction distinct from that of the first said support part, said another support part carrying at least one movable arm provided with a said at least one buffer [and possibly another coupler].

--9. (twice amended) A device according to claim 2, wherein the support part has secured thereto a coupler which supports another support parts in directions parallel to that of the first said support part, each of said another support parts carrying at least two movable arms each [arm] provided with a said at least one buffer.

--10. (twice amended) A device according to claim 2, wherein the support part has secured thereto a coupler which supports another support part in at least one direction distinct from that of the first said support part, said another support part carrying at least one movable arm provided with a said at least one buffer and another coupler.

[The method of using a device including a first cylindrical support part, with a section circular or not, wherein at least two movable arms can slide along said first support part and be turned around it into at least one direction, said first support part might have secured thereto a coupler which supports another support part in at least one direction distinct from that of the first said support part, said another support part carrying at least one movable arm and

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possibly another coupler, each of said arms having a buffer secured thereto at a distance from the support part carrying said arm, said buffer having a contact face which is essentially at a right angle to said support part and under which the layer is elastic enough to act as a compression spring, said method for holding objects by clamping without damaging them, comprising the steps of:

- a) applying the buffer secured to each of said arms against one of said objects or against one of the sides of a buffer secured to another arm or against some auxiliary rigid element,
- b) exerting on the back of each of said arms along the support part which carries said arm, a manual thrust,
- c) stopping this thrust, so as to lock each of said arms by tilting against the support part which carries said arm].

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--11. A device according to claim 2, wherein the support part is made of several beams which are connected end to end in a row by couplers, each of the outermost beams supporting at least one of said at least two movable and removable arms.

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--12. The method of using a device including a first cylindrical support part, with a section circular or not, wherein at least two movable arms can slide along said first support part and be turned around it into at least one direction, each of said arms having a buffer secured thereto at a distance from the support part carrying said arm, said buffer having a contact face which is essentially at a right angle to said support part and under which the thickness is elastic enough to act as a compression spring, said method for holding objects by clamping without damaging, comprising the steps of:

- a) applying the buffer secured to each of said arms against a resistant surface such as the one of any object side or of another arm buffer side,
- b) exerting on the back of each of said arms along the support part which carries said arm, a manual thrust,
- c) stopping this thrust, so as to lock each of said arms by tilting against the support part which carries said arm.

--13. The method according to claim 12, wherein said first support part has secured thereto a coupler which supports another support part, said another support part carrying at least one movable arm, said one movable arm having a buffer secured thereto at a distance from the support part carrying said arm, said buffer having a contact face which is essentially at a right angle to said support part and under which the thickness is elastic enough to act as a compression spring.

--14. The method according to claim 12, wherein said first support part has secured thereto a coupler which supports another support part, said another support part carrying at least one movable arm and another coupler, said one movable arm having a buffer secured thereto at a distance from the support part carrying said arm, said buffer having a contact face which is essentially at a right angle to said support part and under which the thickness is elastic enough to act as a compression spring.